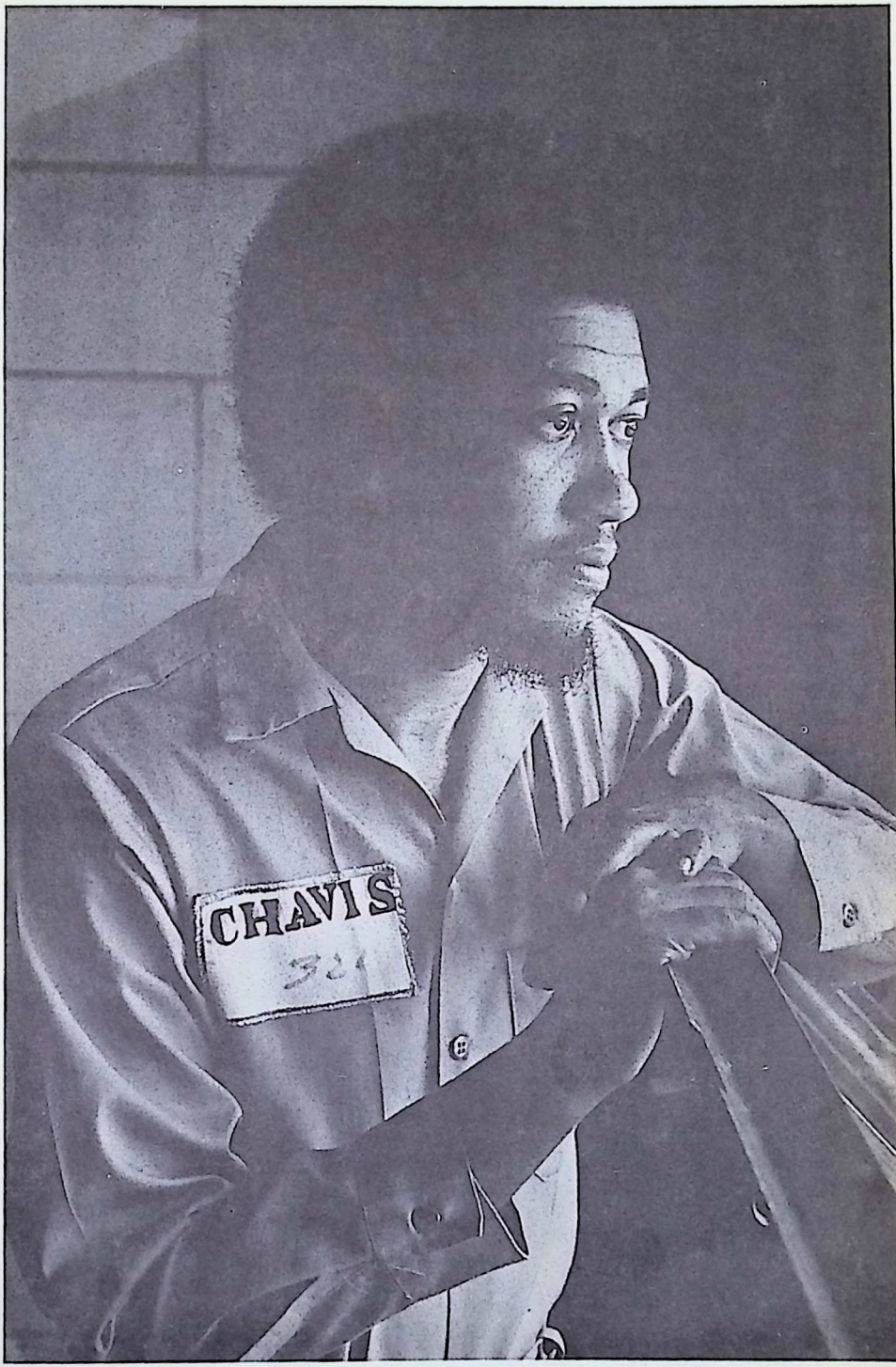

The Reverend Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., of the Wilmington 10, sentenced to prison until 2008, recipient of the First Annual Award of the William L. Patterson Foundation.

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The WILLIAM L. PATTERSON FOUNDATION bears the name of one of this century's staunchest champions of civil rights and civil liberties. Patterson is known and revered throughout the world as the great lawyer who, in 1951, along with Paul Robeson, petitioned the United Nations on behalf of the Black people of the United States in the now historic document, *We Charge Genocide: The Crime of Government Against the Negro People.* It was because of his unrelenting fight on behalf of the oppressed that the word *genocide* has achieved global application wherever any national or ethnic group is subjected to systematic destruction.

The Foundation was conceived by its sponsors as an independent institution, responsible to and funded by people who seek an end to racism, exploitation and war. It will present an annual award to the person it believes has made the outstanding contribution in the preceding year toward the realization of its objectives.

The Board of Trustees has chosen as the recipient of the first Annual Award the Reverend Benjamin F. Chavis of the Wilmington 10, jailed in North Carolina as part of a shocking frame-up aimed at silencing the protests of Black and white Americans against the injustices of racism.

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have the upmost humble gratitude for the great honor you are extending to me and my family by having chosen me to be the first recipient of the William L. Patterson Award.

Please know that I accept this most meaningful award with a solemn pledge: I will struggle with all my might and soul to combat racism in all of its manifestations and to work and to fight for the elimination of every form of discrimination and state monopoly exploitation on account of class, race, creed, color, or sex here in the United States and throughout the world.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
McCain Prison

The following pages carry tributes to fallen heroes of the people donated by friends and Founders of the FOUNDATION.

We regret that the following contributors were omitted:
Tribute to Langston Hughes: Alice Walker
Tribute to Paul and Eslanda Robeson: Eugenia and John H. Clarke

Langston Hughes
(1902-1967)

Popularly identified as the folk poet of Harlem, he was much more. He was a revolutionary voice of the oppressed of the world. His poetry, short stories, novels, dramas and translations carried a universal message to people everywhere. He will be remembered as a great humanitarian whose career as an artist for half a century was as dedicated to social justice as was his life. May our youth pick up his banner.

UNION

Not me alone—
I know now—
But all the whole world oppressed
Poor World,
White and Black,
Must put their hands with mine
To shake the pillars of those temples
Wherein the false gods dwell
and the worn-out altars stand
Too well defended.

—Langston Hughes, *New Masses,* 1931

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We pay tribute to a great humanitarian, William L. Patterson, and we honor the memory of the Founder of our Union, ARTHUR OSMAN, fighter for human rights, civil rights and peace, whose vision and creativity laid the foundation for our Institutions.

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Leaders of the former Teachers Union of New York City

For their leadership and dedication in the fight against racism in our schools, their struggle for quality education for all the children, and for their herioc defense of academic freedom, civil rights and civil liberties.

FROM TEACHERS AND FRIENDS
WHO WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THEIR MEMORY

A Tribute to the Memory of

Paul and Eslanda Robeson

Freedom fighters and great human beings who were a generation ahead of their time. We dedicate ourselves to the completion of their work in order to be worthy of their legacy.

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"The New York Chapter of the National Assocation of Black Social Workers wishes to thank *Brother Paul Robeson* for his great contribution to the Black community."

Cenie J. Williams, Jr., President

In Memory of

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois (1868-1963)
Dr. Shirley Graham DuBois (1907-1977)

The Scriptures remind us in Genesis, that "in those days there were giants in the earth." These ever fresh words might have been spoken today of the epoch in which Dr. W.E.B. DuBois and his courageous help-mate, Dr. Shirley Graham DuBois, lived. They were giants among us.

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William Monroe Trotter
(1872-1934)

Founder in 1901 of the *Guardian,* a Boston weekly, and leader of the National Equal Rights League until his death. "My two efforts for the race," he said.

"Trotter laid the first stone of the modern (Black) protest movement."

—Lerone Bennett, Jr., *Ebony* magazine.

"The first militant....of the Twentieth Century."

—Prof. Robert Brisbane of Morehouse College

"The most radical Negro leader," at the time of the founding of the NAACP.

—Dr. W.E.B. DuBois

Trotter asked for "a noble spirit of cooperation between white and black groups for civil and political rights and at the same time encouraged national self-organization of Blacks for freedom.

PROFESSOR EWART GUINIER — HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Charlotta A. Bass
(1890-1962)

The real genius of a people, a community or a single individual must be measured — not simply by what heights that are attained — but rather a unique capability for successfully dealing on a day by day basis with a maze of unrelenting complex and painful problems without loss of sanity or balance. In short, it is a capacity to survive despite malevolent odds, and in so doing become transformed into a tribunal whose example imparts more abundantly to a people, sorely tried, oft times disoriented, and singularly oppressed.

Such a description is apt in reference to **Charlotta A. Bass** who for forty years was Editor of the *California Eagle*, Black West Coast weekly newspaper.

A moving commentary on her community commitment came from the first Black newsman hired by a major Los Angeles paper who said: "Charlotta Bass was not only our teacher, trainer, inspirer and disciplinarian, she shepherded every Black news person in this community. Without her and the *California Eagle,* none of us would have had an opportunity to learn and practice our craft."

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Dr. Edward K. Barsky

We honor Dr. Edward K. Barsky for his courage and superb skills that saved so many lives in the crucial war in Spain; for his untiring efforts to rescue and sustain the refugees from that war; for his continuing efforts in the struggle for freedom, justice and peace.

There will always be a special bond of love and admiration for this gallant man.

FROM HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Joseph R. Brodsky, *Esq.*

We salute Joseph R. Brodsky, militant defender of Scottsboro, mentor and inspiration to a generation of lawyers who followed his example and became involved in the labor and progressive movement. He made the courtroom a forum for class struggle; a struggle to which he dedicated his boundless energies and his brilliant legal talents.

FROM HIS GRATEFUL COLLEAGUES
IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Benjamin J. Davis

Benjamin J. Davis, born in Dawson, Georgia in 1902, a town which reeked with the stench of the slave market, never forgot his roots. Graduated from Amherst and Harvard Law, he defended Angelo Herndon, joined the Communist Party, was twice elected to the New York City Council (1943 and 1945), jailed in 1951 under the Smith (Thought Control) Act and died in 1964, a monumental figure.

Peter V. Cacchione

Born of Italian immigrant parents in Syracuse, N.Y. in 1897, Peter Cacchione grew up in Sayre, Pennsylvania on the "wrong" side of the tracks. Railroad worker, ditch digger, truck driver, war veteran, Pete led ex-servicemen's and unemployed hunger marches. Thrice-elected a Communist City Councilman, he died in 1947, leaving an imperishable record of struggle against racism and for peace and the people's welfare.

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The industrial center of the United States — city of great trade union struggles — struggles that sowed the seeds for the flowering of International May Day — struggles that gave rise to a great Congress of Industrial Organizations of Black and white working people...

We salute and welcome the William L. Patterson Foundation and William L. Patterson himself in memory of, and in reverence for a few of his Chicago friends and co-workers, as well as other Chicagoans who gave so much to the struggle for human rights:

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In every corner of our land there are men and women who devoted their lives to the cause of justice and peace, some unsung heroes, others known to thousands. Below are tributes from relatives and friends for their devotion and courage.

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